South of England

Classic Bike Show & Bikejumble

Sunday 26th July 2026

South of England Showground, Ardingly, Near Gatwick RH17 6TL

Show Results

Best Pre-1950
Peter Kemp, East Sussex. Ariel Owners MCC. Machine Details: 1931 500cc Ariel SF. Ariels made Slopers for a total of two years, 1931 & 1932 This is an O.H.V. two-valve model they made in 1931 only, In 1932 they made O.H.V. four-valve and side-valve models. This machine was found over 20 years ago in a very incomplete and poor condition. It been running for about five years now.

Runner-up Pre-1950
Rodger Boakes, West Sussex. Sunbeam MCC. Machine Details: 1934 249cc Velocette MOV. The invoice for this bike was dated 9/12/33 number A7856 and the Velocette agent was W Goodridge & Co Ltd, of Chichester. Sold to F Longlands of 10 St Pancras, Chichester on 11/5/34. It was first registered in Sussex in 1934 as a Velocette MOV and has been in Sussex all its life. I think I'm the third owner from new. It was last taxed in 1945, when it seized it was stripped to be rebuilt but never was. The rear left-side of the frame was also bent so this may have been the reason! This bike is still under restoration, it was given to me when a friend moved into an old house in the eighties and found it in a leaky shed in the garden in a right mess. I rebuilt the engine during the Covid lockdowns. I started work on the frame in August 2024 and the bike is yet to be finished. Bits have been collected from eBay and bike jumbles since the eighties.

Best 1950-59
Peter Denyer, Surrey. Machine Details: 1953 250cc BSA C11. Originally restored in 1980, by current owner, with only minor work since. Reliable and easy to maintain machine, comfortable to ride as long as you're not in a hurry!! Ridden frequently during summer months.

Runner-up 1950-59
Chris Kirby, East Sussex. Vintage MCC. Machine Details: 1958 250cc James Captain (Sports Special). First time at this event. This bike is a Special, being built during Covid by a noted magazine scribe. It uses an uprated non-standard and uncivilised 250cvc Villiers engine with electronic ignition. Subsequently dry stored and hardly used, I recently gave it a new home and improvements are still in progress.

Best 1960-69
Duncan Carson, Berkshire. Norton OC. Machine Details: 1960 350cc Norton Jubilee De-luxe. The owner tells us “It has taken me 20 years to restore and modify the bike that you see here.” First time at this event.

Runner-up 1960-69
Mark Eley, KENT. Norton OC (Surrey). Machine Details: 1968 750cc Norton P11A Ranger 750. This Norton P11A Ranger 750 was one of 499 export desert racers, that were never sold in the UK, as they were all for export only. It returned to the UK from Ron's Cycle Sales in Leominster, Mass, USA in 1992. It was in a very bad, and dismal state, and it required a huge amount of time, effort, and work. It also required a huge amount of parts to be sourced, as well a complete a rebuild of the engine and the gearbox. There was no front forks or wheels that came with the bike, as all these had to be found, and fitted. This took many years of work, and finally it has been returned to how it was as it left the Norton Matchless Plumstead factory in October 1968.

Best 1970-79
Richard Hills, London. Machine Details: 1973 550cc Suzuki GT 550 K. First time at this event for this USA IMPORT. Full engine rebuild and restoration completed. Running in first , 600 miles.

Runner-up 1970-79
Ken Rawlinson, Surrey. Norton OC (Surrey). Machine Details: 1972 828cc Norton Norvil Commando. This is a replica of the Norvil production racer, it is non matching numbers as the engine is the actual Gus Khun engine which was used in the ex Norton/Dave Croxford production racer. The Gus Kuhn bike with this engine was raced in the 1974 TT production race ridden by the late Geoff Barry who came 4th. This engine was rebuilt and tuned by the late Mick Hemmings, the bike has a new Quaife 5 speed gearbox, Bob Newby clutch and belt drive and twin racing Lockheed front disc brakes and callipers.

Best 1980-on
Cole Wright, Middlesex. Dresda OC. Machine Details: 1981 1000cc Triton Dresda Cafe racer. First time at this event for this Hinckley Triumph-engined Dresda Triton, built by owner. Built not Bought!

Runner-up 1980-on
Matthew Palmer, KENT. Machine Details: 1996 749cc Honda VFR750FR. Two previous owners from new and full Honda service history. Been standing for 10 years and re-commissioned by current owner over the winter. Rides like a new bike. First time at this show.

Best competition/Special
Mick Lee, West Sussex. Machine Details: 1968 350cc Yamaha TR. This is a racing bike previously owned and ridden by Ron Chandler in Grand Prix, Internationals and National meetings. It achieved several top placings.

Runner-up Competition/Special
Richard Barrington, KENT. Machine Details: 1964 48cc Kerry Capitano Grand Prix. Assembled in England, the Kerry Capitano Grand Prix was fitted with a Minarelli engine, which was its big selling-point. With 3.1BHP it was the fastest lightweight on the market, far outstripping its rivals from Norman and Phillips fitted with the 2BHP Villiers engine.
The present owner bought one new in 1962, and bought this one for nostalgic reasons, when it became available in 2015.

Best Heavyweight
Martyn Carter, Essex. Machine Details: 1977 981cc Laverda 3CL. This Italian motor cycle was exported from Italy to Spain and first registered for the road on the 13/05/77, with a Spanish registration of M-0149-CF. The motor cycle was subsequently exported from Spain to the UK in October 1994 before the introduction of the NOVA system on the 15/4/13. Stripped and only partly restored, it remained in that condition from 1994 until I purchased it in 2022, so therefore unused for at least 28 years. Completely stripped and rebuilt again since 2022 by the current owner.

Runner-up Heavyweight
Jonathan Hemsley, EAST SUSSEX. Machine Details: 1949 500cc Sunbeam S8. Sunbeam S8 500cc twin OHC. With shaft drive and fitted with a Watsonian side car believed to be a 1954 single adult model.
The Sunbeam combination has been in my ownership for the past five years and is used on a regular basis.

Best Lightweight
Paul Dean. Machine Details: 1967 49cc Honda Z50M. 1967 was the first year the over-head cam engine was fitted. This model was built for two years.Originally supplied new Colchester Essex and registered Chelmsford Essex.

Runner-up Lightwweight
Gary Ockenden, Sussex. Machine Details: 1975 350cc Moto Morini 3½ sport. This V-twin with double front drum brake was only produced for 18 months. Now very rare.

Best Lightweight Racer
Ian Plumridge, West Sussex. Machine Details: 1966 50cc Honda RC116 Tribute. I rode this actual machine in the 2007 100 Years of the TT Lap of Honour, plus for a number of years demo races with the ‘ Golden 50 Racing Riders NL‘ throughout Europe during the early 2000’s. I managed to get it back earlier this year.
In 1963 I finished in sixth place in the 50cc IOM race on a Honda CR110; tenth in 1964 on a Honda and fifth in 1965 on a Derbi.

Best Dresda Machine
Steve Light, West Sussex. Dresda OC. Machine Details: 1960c 650ccc Dresda Triton. First time at this event for this Dresda Triton.

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Ben Walker, East Sussex. Machine Details: 1979 750cc Honda CB750K.

Best Club Stand
Dresda Owners’ Club

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